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so...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...then they will be subject to our regulation, just like the land-based company. However, if they don't they won't be subject to regulation. And we thought we did that before in LB 584...LB 389, pardon me with the number, LB 389, but there's different legal interpretations to whether we thoroughly met that objective or not. So this attempts to clarify that, yes, you will be regulated, if you're a wireless and you do access our Universal Service Fund.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But just with respect to the Universal Service Fund services, is that right?

SENATOR BROMM: Correct. That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah. If they're accessing Universal Service Funds by providing service in difficult places, and if you have a land-based company that's doing the same thing in the same area, are we theoretically getting into a position where...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bromm, there are no...Senator Beutler, and this will be your third time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Are we theoretically, to finish the question, getting into a position where we might have a land-based company and a wireless company in competition in a particular rural area, and both of them asking for Universal Service Fund reimbursement?

SENATOR BROMM: I...theoretically, that could be the case. Although the commission rules regarding those issues have yet to be finalized. So, in theory, I would have to say yes, but I would also have to say we're waiting on some rule finalization in order to know exactly how the commission might address that kind of situation.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Up until this particular point in time,